

**I. Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**A. Listing of Claims**

1. (Original) A computer-resource allocation method adopted by a computer system allocating a computer resource to a plurality of computers executing programs independently of each other, said method comprising the steps of:

(1) collecting states of computer-resource utilizations of said computers;

(2) computing coefficients of correlation among said computers with respect to said computer-resource utilizations of said computers on the basis of data representing said collected states of computer-resource utilizations; and

(3) computing computer-resource allocation quantities of said computers on the basis of said collected states of computer-resource utilizations and said computed coefficients of correlation and allocating said computer resource to said computers in accordance with said computer-resource allocation quantities.

2. (Original) A computer-resource allocation method according to claim 1 wherein said step (3) includes the sub-steps of:

forecasting states of computer-resource utilizations of said computers on the basis of data representing said collected states of computer-resource utilizations; and

allocating said computer resource to said computers in accordance with said forecasted states of computer-resource utilizations and said computed coefficients of correlation.

3. (Original) A computer-resource allocation method according to claim 1 wherein said step (3) includes the sub-steps of:

determining one of said computers as a specific computer requiring a larger allocated quantity of said computer resource;

setting a decrease in quantity for each of said computers at such a value that, the smaller the coefficient of correlation with said specific computer, the larger the value;

subtracting said decrease in quantity from a quantity of said computer resource allocated to each of said computers except said specific computer; and

transferring said decrease in quantity subtracted from said quantity of said computer resource allocated to each of said computers to said specific computer.

4. (Currently amended) A computer-resource allocation method according to claim 1 wherein said coefficients of correlation are switched from one ~~values~~ value to others in dependence on a time frame and characteristics of programs running on said computers.

5. (Original) A computer-resource management server for managing allocation of a computer resource in a computer system allocating said computer resource to a plurality of computers executing programs independently of each other, said computer-resource management server comprising:

a resource utilization state data collection unit for collecting states of computer-resource utilizations of said computers;

a correlation-coefficient computation unit for computing coefficients of correlation among said computers with respect to said computer-resource utilizations of said computers on the basis of data representing said collected states of computer-resource utilizations; and

a resource allocation unit for computing computer-resource allocation quantities of said computers on the basis of said collected states of computer-resource utilizations and said computed coefficients of correlation and allocating said computer resource to said computers in accordance with said computer-resource allocation quantities.

6. (Original) A computer-resource management server according to claim 5, said computer-resource management server further having a computer-resource-utilization-forecasting unit for forecasting states of computer-resource utilizations of said computers on the basis of data representing said collected states of computer-resource utilizations, wherein said resource allocation unit allocates said computer resource to said computers in accordance with said forecasted states of computer-resource utilizations.

7. (Original) A computer-resource management server according to claim 5, wherein said resource allocation unit:

determines one of said computers as a specific computer requiring a larger allocated quantity of said computer resource;

sets a decrease in quantity for each of said computers at such a value that, the smaller the coefficient of correlation with said specific computer, the larger the value;

subtracts said decrease in quantity from a quantity of said computer resource allocated to each of said computers except said specific computer; and

transfers said decrease in quantity subtracted from said quantity of said computer resource allocated to each of said computers to said specific computer.

8. (Currently amended) A computer-resource management server according to claim 5 wherein said coefficients of correlation are switched from one ~~values~~ value to others in dependence on a time frame and characteristics of programs running on said computers.

9. (Original) A computer system allocating a computer resource to a plurality of computers executing programs independently of each other, said computer system comprising:

a computer-resource management server for collecting states of computer-resource utilizations of said computers, for computing coefficients of correlation among said computers with respect to said computer-resource utilizations of said computers on the basis of data representing said collected states of computer-resource utilizations, computing computer-resource allocation quantities of said computers on the basis of said collected states of computer-resource utilizations and said computed coefficients of correlation, and transmitting said computer-resource allocation quantities; and

a control means for allocating said computer resource to said computers in accordance with said computer-resource allocation quantities received from said computer-resource management server.

10. (Currently amended) A computer system according to claim 9 wherein, if a specific one of said computers is determined to be a computer ~~computer~~, to which a larger quantity of said computer resource needs to be apportioned,

a decrease in quantity is set for each of said computers at such a value that, the smaller the coefficient of correlation with said specific computer, the larger the value or, the larger the coefficient of correlation with said specific computer, the smaller the value;

said decrease in quantity is subtracted from a quantity of said computer resource allocated to each of said computers except said specific computer; and

said decrease in quantity subtracted from said quantity of said computer resource allocated to each of said computers is transferred to said specific computer.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 9 wherein said computer ~~resource allocated said computers~~ that allocates said computer resource is ~~resources~~ the computer pertaining to a plurality of physical computers.

12. (New) A computer system according to claim 9, said computer system further having a computer-resource-utilization-forecasting unit for forecasting states of computer-resource utilizations of said computers on the basis of data representing said collected states of computer-resource utilizations, wherein said resource allocation unit allocates said computer resource to said computers in accordance with said forecasted states of computer-resource utilizations.